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TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS DISTRICT DIRECTORS, AREA AND PORT DIRECTORS

FROM: DIRECTOR, IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION

RE: FINAL DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE;
CERTAIN COMPACT DUCTILE IRON WATERWORKS FITTINGS AND\
ACCESSORIES THEREOF FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA\

1. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER
ON JULY 14, 1993, ITS FINAL DETERMINATION OF SALES AT LESS THAN
FAIR VALUE IN THE ANTIDUMPING DUTY INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN
COMPACT DUCTILE IRON WATERWORKS FITTINGS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF

FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

2. THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE 1) CERTAIN Message Date: 07/15/1993 Message Number: 3196112 Page 2 of 6

COMPACT DUCTILE IRON WATERWORKS FITTINGS OF 3 TO 16 INCHES NOMINAL DIAMETER REGARDLESS OF SHAPE, INCLUDING BENDS, TEES, CROSSES, WYES, REDUCERS, ADAPTERS, AND OTHER SHAPES, WHETHER OR NOT CEMENT LINE, AND WHETHER OR NOT COVERED WITH BITUMEN OR SIMILAR SUBSTANCES, CONFORMING TO AWWA/ANSI SPECIFICATION C153/A21.53, AND RATED FOR WATER WORKING PRESSURE OF 350 PSI; AND 2) CERTAIN CDIW FITTINGS ACCESSORIES WHICH TYPICALLY CONSIST OF A STANDARD DUCTILE IRON GLAND, A STYRENE BUTADIENE RUBBER (SBR) GASKET, THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF COR-TEN STEEL OR DUCTILE IRON T-HEAD BOLTS, AND HEXAGONAL NUTS, FOR FITTINGS IN SIZES 3 TO 16 INCHES, CONFORMING TO AWWA/ANSI SPECIFICATION C111/A21.11, AND RATED FOR WATER WORKING PRESSURE OF 350 PSI. GASKETS, BOLTS AND NUTS ARE ONLY INCLUDED IF THEY ARE IMPORTED ASAN ACCESSORY PACK WITH A GLAND. HOWEVER, GLANDS IMPORTED SEPARATELY ARE INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION.

THE TYPES OF CDIW FITTINGS COVERED BY THIS INVESTIGATION ARE COMPACT DUCTILE IRON MECHANICAL JOINT WATERWORKS FITTINGS AND COMPACT DUCTILE IRON PUSH-ON JOINT WATERWORKS FITTINGS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE USED FOR THE SAME APPLICATIONS. CDIW FITTINGS ARE USED TO JOIN WATER MAIN PRESSURE PIPES, VALVES OR HYDRANTS IN STRAIGHT LINES, AND CHANGE, DIVERT, DIVIDE, OR DIRECT THE FLOW OFRAW AND OR TREATED WATER IN PIPING SYSTEMS. CDIW FITTINGS ATTACHTO THE PIPE, VALVE, OR HYDRANT AT A JOINT AND ARE USED PRINCIPALLY FOR MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS.

CDIW FITTINGS ACCESSORIES ARE USED TO JOIN MECHANICAL JOINT CDIW FITTINGS TO PIPES. THE ACCESSORIES ENSURE THE COMPLETENESS OF THE SEAL BETWEEN THE CDIW FITTINGS AND PIPE. MECHANICAL JOINT FITTINGS MUST BE USED WITH CDIW ACCESSORIES. PUSH-ON FITTINGS DO NOT REQUIRE CDIW ACCESSORIES OTHER THAN AN SBR GASKET.

CDIW FITTINGS WITH NOMINAL DIAMETERS GREATER THAN 16 INCHES, AND THE ACCESSORIES USED WITH CDIW FITTINGS WITH NOMINAL DIAMETERS GREATER THAN 16 INCHES, ARE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THE INVESTIGATION. NONMALLEABLE CAST IRON FITTINGS (ALSO CALLED GRAY IRON FITTINGS) AND FULL-BODIED DUCTILE FITTINGS ARE ALSO SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

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NONMALLEABLE CAST IRON FITTINGS HAVE LITTLE DUCTILITY AND ARE GENERALLY RATED ONLY 150 TO 250 PSI. FULL-BODIED DUCTILE FITTINGS HAVE A LONGER BODY DESIGN THAN A COMPACT FITTING BECAUSE IN THE COMPACT DESIGN THE STRAIGHT SECTION OF THE BODY IS OMITTED TO PROVIDE A MORE COMPACT AND LESS HEAVY FITTINGS WITHOUT REDUCING STRENGTH OR FLOW CHARACTERISTICS. IN ADDITION, THE FULL-BODIED DUCTILE FITTINGS ARE THICKER WALLED THAN THE COMPACT FITTINGS. FULL-BODIED FITTINGS ARE MADE OF EITHER GRAY IRON OR DUCTILE IRON, IN SIZES OF 3 TO 48 INCHES, CONFORM TO AWWA/ANSI SPECIFICATION C110/C21.10, AND ARE RATED TO A MAXIMUM OF ONLY 250PSI. IN ADDITION, COMPACT DUCTILE IRON FLANGED FITTINGS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, AS THEY HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS AND USES THAN CDIW FITTINGS.

CDIW FITTINGS ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER SUBHEADING 7307.19.30.00, OF THE HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE UNITED STATES (HTSUS). STANDARD DUCTILE IRON GLANDS ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER HTSUS SUBHEADING 7325.99.10.00, STYRENE BUTADIENE RUBBER GASKETS ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER HTSUS SUBHEADING 4016.93.00.90, T-HEAD BOLTS OF STEEL OR DUCTILE IRON ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER HTSUS SUBHEADING 7318.15.20.90, AND HEXAGONAL NUTS ARE CLASSIFIABLE UNDER HTSUS SUBHEADING 7318.16.00.00. ALTHOUGH THE HTSUS SUBHEADINGS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE AND CUSTOMS PURPOSES, OUR WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS DISPOSITIVE.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT EXPORTS OF CDIW FITTINGS
AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF FROM THE PRC ARE BEING SOLD IN THE UNITED
STATES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE AND THAT CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES
EXIST. THEREFORE, FOR ALL EXPORTS OF CDIW FITTINGS AND
ACCESSORIES THEREOF FROM THE PRC, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE SHALL
CONTINUE TO SUSPEND LIQUIDATION OF SUCH MERCHANDISE THAT IS
ENTERED OR WITHDRAWN FROM WAREHOUSE FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR AFTER

NOVEMBER 20, 1992, THE DATE WHICH IS 90 DAYS PRIOR TO DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE AFFIRMATIVE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER AND SHALL REQUIRE A CASH DEPOSIT OR POSTING OF A BOND EQUAL TO THE APPROPRIATE ESTIMATED FINAL MARGIN PERCENTAGE Message Date: 07/15/1993 Message Number: 3196112 Page 4 of 6

LISTED BELOW.

MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER ID # WEIGHTED AVERAGE EXPORTER MARGIN PERCENT

ALL MANUFACTURERS/PRODUCERS

EXPORTERS A-570-820 127.38%

4. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER BY CUSTOMS OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE IMPORT SPECIALIST DIVISION, OTHER AGENCY BRANCH, CUSTOMS HEADQUARTERS, VIA E-MAIL ATTRIBUTE "HQ OAB." THE IMPORTING PUBLIC AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD CONTACT JAMES TERPSTRA OF THE OFFICE OFANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS, IMPORT ADMINISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TELEPHONE (202) 482-3965.

THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION.

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Company Details

*Party Indicator Value:

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